April 23, 2017
Second Sunday of Easter or of Divine Mercy

"Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." -- John 20:29b

St. Anselm’s Parish is a Catholic community formed by families, individuals and clergy that worship together, celebrate the sacramental life of the Church, and seek to live the Gospel of Jesus Christ everyday. We welcome, serve, and educate.
Dear Parishioners,

I am sure that you all had a wonderful Easter celebration! I would like to thank the many volunteers who made the Holy Week and Easter services a prayerful experience! Thank you! I would like to thank Michael Mello, our Music Director, for the beautiful music during the Holy Week and Easter Services. I thank him for all the hard work he put in by way of preparation. The music was just wonderful! Thank you to the Choir, the cantors and the musicians who enhanced the worship experience. I would like to thank Ann Carroll, Cathy Cunningham, Sissy Ratto and Dolores O’Halloran for decorating the Church. Thank you! I would like to thank everyone who donated Easter flowers in memory or honor of a loved one. Thank you!

The Gospel story of this Sunday is about doubting Thomas. Thomas refused to believe in the Resurrection of Jesus. He tells his fellow apostles that seeing is believing. Jesus appears to Thomas and he becomes a believer. Jesus teaches the disciples that believing is seeing. A faith that restricts itself to only what is evident to the senses and to reason is merely faith in reason and not faith in God. Religious faith is not a balance of evidence but an opening of one’s heart and mind to God. May our hearts and minds be always open to God!

Yours sincerely,
Fr. Jose Shaji, Pastor

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Second Sunday of Easter
(or of Divine Mercy)
Monday: Yom Ha-Shoa
(Holocaust Remembrance Day)
Tuesday: St. Mark
Wednesday: Administrative Professionals Day
Friday: St. Peter Chanel;
St. Louis Grignon de Montfort; Arbor Day
Saturday: St. Catherine of Siena

St. Anselm Church Stewardship
Registered Parishioner Families 2017= 1675
1st Sunday Collection (Envelope & Loose): April 9th $ 6,363– Easter will be in next week’s Bulletin
*Please log onto Parish Pay and update your
CC expiration date!

Second Collections:
Catholic Home Missions – April 23
St. Vincent de Paul – April 30
May 7– St. Anselm School

MASS INTENTIONS

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As a community we ask God’s blessing for the ill:
Mark Gardner, Garth Stanton, Steve Leland, Christopher Goward, Richard Green, Barbara Gilligan, Irene Lorente, Luisa Espinosa, Terese Marklinger, Vincent Boyle, Jeanie Paganetti, Al Dallara, Rita Wardner, Allison Chichizola, Sara Stander, Archbishops Quinn & Niederauer, Karen Poligono, John Weiser, Bob Buckley, Cherie Visconti, Christine Spada, Mary Margaret Deney, John Alkazin, Joan Madden, Susan Blair, Joy Snyder, Erin Badala

For those serving in the military: Adam Dear, Robert Ernest Gebhardt, Tyler Lopez, Alex Boatwright, Sean Courtz, Elizabeth Baumsteiger, Christian Miller, Robert Kent

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14; Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17; Mk 16:15-20
Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-9; Jn 3:16-21
Thursday: Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20; Jn 3:31-36
Friday: Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15
Saturday: Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; Jn 6:16-21
Sunday: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11; 1 Pt 1:17-21; Lk 24:13-35
Say Yes! In My Backyard
Addressing Marin’s Housing Crisis, One Step at a Time
Join MOC for a workshop on realistic strategies for ordinary homeowners, renters, and landlords to work together on solutions. We will learn together, listen to each other, and take action.

Sunday, April 30, 2017
Congregation Kol Shofar
215 Blackfield Drive, Tiburon
2:30pm Registration and Coffee
3:00pm to 6:00pm Program
Learn. Engage. Relate. Act. Together we are building a stronger civic culture in Marin. Together we are standing up to say Yes! If you can join us, let us know: bernieohall@yahoo.com

Green Tip: Inundated by spring-time catalogs? Here’s a possible solution: www.catalogchoice.org. Gather up your unwanted catalogs and junk mail, sign up (or sign in) and they’ll contact merchants and other junk mail senders for you. You won’t see results right away, but over time it will make a difference. Trees saved, recycling bin lighter!

Adopt-A-Family Thank You
Thank you everyone who contributed to our 25th annual Easter collection. Much thought and love went into some of the baskets and gifts were so nicely wrapped. Thank you to all who gave gift cards or financial contributions. It was a pleasure and absolute joy to deliver your gifts to the families. They were so surprised, amazed and grateful. Thank you for keeping this tradition alive through these many years. May Jesus himself reward you for your generosity and support.

Mary, Paulette, Linda, Colleen and Dorothy

A SEASON OF JOY "They devoted themselves to the teaching of the apostles and to the communal life, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers" (Acts 2:42). This first line of today's first reading sets the tone as this fifty-day celebration of Easter opens before us. Today we listen to the teachings of three apostles--Luke, Peter, and John--who remind us that even though we have not seen Christ, we nonetheless are filled with joy as we place our belief in his saving death and resurrection. Each week during the Easter season we will gather as a community of faith to find strength and support from our God and from one another. Each week we will gather to break bread and offer the great prayer of thanksgiving, actions that will manifest the very presence of the risen Christ in our midst. Let us be open to the wonders of this season of joy.

School News

Coming Soon – The Festival of Fun!- May 20, 2017
Parishioners are welcome at the Cake Wheel Booth, a long-standing community tradition. Volunteers are needed to help staff the booth (2-hour shifts) during the Festival. Baked goods are appreciated (nut-free please) for the day’s prizes. Join the fun! Please contact Maria Kimball at: mkbball@stanselmschool.com or call 415-453-6209

SCRIP PROGRAM
At St. Anselm School, the Scrip program is a major fundraiser that allows us to keep our tuition costs lower than most other Catholic schools; and, it is very easy to participate. Scrip is available through Standing Orders, which can be given to the office. We also have inventory on hand that can be purchased from the office. Please call the School Office to place an order (415-454-8667) or you can pick up an order form from the plastic shelves in the Church’s front entrance.

Easter Flowers have been donated in Loving Memory Of: Marco Mennucci, Geroldine Barnitz, Gerald & Marie Barnitz, M.Y. Cruz, Mr. & Mrs. Eddie Saranec, Elisabeth Petersen, Mr & Mrs. NB Livermore, Mr. John Livermore, Fr. Peter McDonald, Laddish, Luebeck & Mauser Families, Socorro & Roger Johanson, Linda Lenihan, Patricia Suddendorf, Heberto Sanchez, Arturo & Guillermo Flores, Dick Madden, Christina Piatti, Connie O’Connor, Serafino Murano, Gabriel Murano, Jane Clark, Rayner Clark, Mary & Charles Plowey, Loretta Tate. In Honor of the Families of: Robert Goldsby, Mr. & Mrs. Charles Malet, Mr. & Mrs. Kurt Burkhard, Mr. & Mrs. Dan Engel, Jane & Robert Tate
St. Anselm Church Calendar of Events

April 29– First Communion 10:00am
April 29– Confirmation 1:00pm
May 14– Happy Mother’s Day
May 20– Festival of Fun– 10:00am-8:00pm– St. Anselm School
May 21– Wine & Cheese– Following 5:00pm Mass– Hall
May 29– Memorial Day– Parish Office Closed
June 2– Baccalaureate Mass 11:00am

GATHER@GRAND– Dominican Sisters of San Rafael-You are invited to join us on Wednesday, May 3, from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
An evening with Sister Marilyn Lacey, RSM
Mercy and Justice and Joy:
Working in the war zone of South Sudan
All are welcome! There will be light refreshments and time for your questions. The Gathering Space—Dominican Sisters Center-1520 Grand Ave, San Rafael. Be sure to RSVP– 415-453-8303 or Communityrelations@sanrafaelop.org
www.sanrafaelop.org

ST. RAPHAEL &
ST. ISABELLA
CONFERENCES OF THE
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
SOCIETY 13TH ANNUAL
BOCCE BALL
TOURNAMENT AND
PICNIC

Sunday, May 7, 2017 is the date for the 13th Annual Bocce Ball Tournament and Picnic benefitting the St. Raphael & St. Isabella Conferences of the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Join us for a day of fun including a delicious BBQ lunch provided by Marin Joe’s Restaurant.

Picnickers and spectators of all ages are welcome, as well as players. You will be helping a worthy cause and 100% of all proceeds fund our work to help the needy in our parishes.

For information and/or sign up forms contact: Dean DeGiovanni at 415 485-3855 or Joe Martino at 415 479-8477

St. Vincent de Paul Society Vehicle Program

St. Vincent de Paul of Marin has launched a new vehicle donation program in collaboration with SVDP National’s vehicle vendor, CARS. If you have a car that you would like to donate for a tax deduction, you can call 800-322-8284 or go online and fill out the donation form at http://vinnies.careasy.org/HOME.html. Your gift supports the SVDP Free Dining Room in San Rafael which serves over 500 meals daily.
Alleluia! At the Easter Vigil we had two Elect Baptized, two Candidates received in full communion with the Catholic Church, and 7 Candidates Confirmed. The picture on the left captures our Elect Nate and our Elect Andrew clothed in their new garments in Christ and holding the lighted candle which symbolizes them being enlightened by Christ. The picture on the right captures our married Candidates Robb and Marielle being received in full communion with the Catholic Church.

The picture below captures our 7 candidates with their sponsors being blessed by Fr. Jose as they are about to be Confirmed into the Catholic Church.

The above picture captures our 5 confirmandi with their sponsors, Natalie our DRE, and Fr. Jose at the Confirmandi’s reception in our parish hall.
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